

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - Goldenview Drive Extension

State Funding Requested: \$ 900,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

This project will extend Goldenview Drive south to Potter Valley Road. The roadway will be constructed to collector standards with new pavement, pedestrian facilities, turn lanes, and lighting. This grant will fund a design study and public involvement. The Municipality Of Anchorage is fully committed to funding this project through state grants or local bonds.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$900,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project will extend this collector street to Potter Valley Road. This connection is essential for emergency/safety access and traffic circulation in this large area of south Anchorage. Improvements are expected to include pavement, drainage, pedestrian facilities, lighting, traffic calming, and landscaping. This is the primary service road to Goldenview Middle School. This grant will fund design study and public involvement.

This request is a priority to the Local Road Service Area, the area Community Councils and neighborhoods. Construction cost estimates will be developed in the design phase.

Project is located outside the Anchorage Roads and Service Drainage Area, therefore local bond funds are not an option.

Project Timeline:

July 2008-June 2009

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Municipality of Anchorage

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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Fire Department

March 12, 2008

State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Subject: Transportation Projects – Hillside Transportation Safety and Connectivity and the Goldenview Drive Safety Upgrade – Rabbit Creek Road to Bulgaria Drive

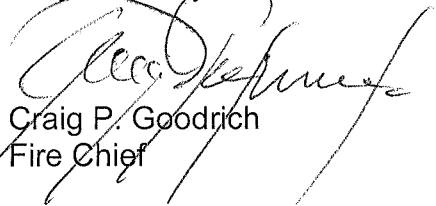
Dear Members of the Legislature:

The Anchorage Fire Department strongly supports two priority Transportation Projects – the Hillside Transportation Safety and Connectivity grant request for \$5.8 million and the Goldenview Drive Safety Upgrade – Rabbit Creek Road to Bulgaria Drive, primarily for the connectivity this project portends. You may recall that the lack of egress in this area has been of primary concern to the Fire Department for a number of years and we are most gratified to see some movement toward mitigation in this area.

As a secondary benefit, this project provides an unexpected bonus to the public as it will allow for a much faster response time into “upper” Goldenview than currently exists. The possibility of building another fire station in that area has been under consideration due to the dramatic increase in residential population. This project would most certainly defer the need to build a fire station, thereby saving the \$6 million it would cost to build the station and an additional \$1.5 million for yearly operations and maintenance.

Thank you for your time, energy and consideration of these two extremely important issues of public safety. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Very sincerely,



Craig P. Goodrich
Fire Chief

Community, Security, Prosperity

**2007 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES**

Capital Budget
District Transportation Capital Projects

ISSUE/PROJECT NAME: Goldenview Dr Upgrade/Extension – Rabbit Creek Rd to
Potter Valley Rd

ISSUE/IMPROVEMENT TYPE: Community Enhancement

STATE GRANT REQUEST: \$900,000

LOCAL MATCH: \$0

ISSUE/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project will upgrade and extend this collector street that serves Goldenview Middle School and a widespread residential area covering over two square miles. This existing roadway is a narrow two-lane, strip-paved roadway with no pedestrian facilities, and inadequate drainage and lighting. Improvements are expected to include pavement, drainage, pedestrian facilities, lighting, traffic calming, and landscaping. This grant will fund preliminary engineering, traffic analysis, public involvement, and design effort. Extending Goldenview Dr south to Potter Valley Rd is essential for traffic circulation and emergency/safety access in this area. This request is a priority to the LRSA, the Community Councils, and the neighborhoods. Construction cost estimate will be developed in the design phase.

This request is for a grant to the Municipality of Anchorage.

Legislative District (s):

Community Council: Rabbit Creek

House: 32

Senate: P

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Municipality of Anchorage

2007 Legislative Program

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1. Mountain Air Drive / Hillside Drive Extension - \$1,000,000**Sec/ Page 8 - 22**

Currently all traffic is routed to Goldenview Drive from the upper half of Goldenview. This extension will provide a new access route all the way from Romania to Shangri La and out to Rabbit Creek without having to impact S. Goldenview. This will alleviate pressure on S. Goldenview and improve the failing traffic grade due to congestion and accidents. A Traffic light at Rabbit Creek and S. Goldenview to route and calm traffic is not possible due to the grade of Rabbit Creek as it intersects Goldenview. Collector roads are the solution to continued expected growth for this area.

2. South Goldenview LRSA Road and Drainage- \$250,000**Sec / Page 9-90**

This project will construct road and drainage improvements in the South Goldenview LRSA, which is south of Rabbit Creek Road and on either side of Goldenview Drive. Existing roadways are dirt/gravel with no lighting. The drainage is inadequate leading to flooding, glaciation, and pothole problems for residents. The requested grant would fund identification of problem areas and alternatives, and design priority improvements. Funding requirements to complete the project total \$800,000.

3. Bluebell Drive Reconstruction - \$600,000

This project will correct the very severe grade of Bluebell Drive as it intersects South Goldenview. This road grade has been the culprit for several accidents involving vehicles sliding down Bluebell and colliding into cars passing on S. Goldenview. The development past Bluebell on South Goldenview make this a very urgent request with nearly 1000 new homes slated in the 5 years to drive by Bluebell on Goldenview including 660 senior housing units and a new elementary school. MOA already has engineering plans drawn up for the project.

4. Goldenview Drive Upgrade / Extension – Rabbit Creek Rd to Potter Valley Rd - \$900,000**Sec/ Page 9-86**

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5. Hillside District Plan CAC - \$50,000

This funding request will support the Community Action Committee for Peer Review of the “sub studies” of the Hillside District Plan (HDP). These “sub studies” would include traffic, drainage, public utilities, on-site septic systems, survey, parks and fire safety. The grant money will go to the Federation of Community Councils on behalf of a Hillside Community Councils “Consortium” who will administer the funds for a 2% fee. The money will be used by citizens / councils to hire professional non-biased consultants to review and answer questions on behalf of the CAC whom have limited specialized knowledge in the very technical areas of the “sub studies”. This process has worked well for other like District Plans in MOA for Anchorage 2020 and allows for an additional level of clarity for citizen advisory groups and more confidence in their conclusions.

Rural Rd. Svc. Area

2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES****Capital Budget****Other Priority Transportation Projects****PROJECT NAME:** HILLSIDE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND CONNECTIVITY**PROJECT TYPE:** Safety**GRANT REQUEST:** \$5,800,000**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project will fund two new collector street road connections on the Anchorage Hillside. The highest priority connection is the Mountain Air Drive/Hillside Drive extension south from Rabbit Creek Road at Bear Valley Elementary. The second priority is an extension of Goldenview Drive south from Bulgaria Drive to Potter Valley Road. This grant is expected to fully fund the Mountain Air Drive/Hillside Drive extension and to fund preliminary engineering on the Goldenview Drive extension. A budget for the Goldenview Drive extension project will be developed during preliminary engineering and future Legislative Programs will include a grant request for additional design and construction funding.

COMMENTS:

The project has not started.

JUSTIFICATION:

Significant transportation safety and connectivity concerns have been raised regarding the Anchorage Hillside. Construction of these missing collector connectors are key elements of addressing these needs. Expanding the collector street network will improve access and circulation in a rapidly developing area and will enhance emergency vehicle access and evacuation egress in the event of wildfires.

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FUNDING FORECAST	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
9825 - State Grant Revenue - Direct	5,800	0	0	0	0	0	5,800
Project Total	5,800	0	0	0	0	0	5,800

Legislative District(s)**House:** District 32-Chugach State Park**Community Council(s):** Bear Valley, Rabbit Creek

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\$4.5m = Mountain Air
900k = Goldenview
\$5.8m

2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES*****Capital Budget*****House District Transportation Projects****PROJECT NAME:** GOLDENVIEW DR CONNECTION STUDY - SOUTH TO POTTER VALLEY RD**PROJECT TYPE:** New Road Connection**GRANT REQUEST:** \$900,000**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project will conduct a study for the connection of Goldenview Drive collector street south from Bulgaria Drive to Potter Valley Road. This project is included in the "Hillside Transportation Safety and Connectivity" grant request.

COMMENTS:

This project has not started.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Official Streets and Highways Plan and the Long Range Transportation Plan recommend construction of a collector street connection to improve area access, circulation, and safety.

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FUNDING FORECAST	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
9825 - State Grant Revenue - Direct	900	0	0	0	0	0	900
Project Total	900	0	0	0	0	0	900

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